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Project Name: TIMBERLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOT EXPANSION

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The district planning commission is considering increasing the size of the Timberland Middle School's north parking lot by 61 additional spaces. With a home facing 118th Avenue, we are directly impacted and strongly oppose this plan.

1. Firstly, the expansion plan is a poor use of the school district's funds. The school district representatives and project management representatives (Angelo Planning Group) clearly agreed in a neighborhood meeting that the existing lot on the south side of the school building was being underutilized since staff preferred not to park there and parents and school guests were unaware of its existence or location. Rather than build an additional lot, money would be better spent on signage and instructions directing traffic to the unused lot.
2. Homes like ours on 118th Ave already have to deal with late night parking and noise from non-permitted parking in the existing north lot. Any expansion would only make things worse.
3. The additional loss of a large swathe of green space will also be a further assault on our property value.

After weathering severe loss of property values during the last recession, it is exasperating to see the promotion of actions that will devalue our savings using funds that we pay the city for community betterment.

Scheduling the board meeting on the 2nd of January also raises suspicion that the school and project managers are attempting to get an unpopular proposal slipped through when most of the affected stakeholders are likely on vacation.

I hope that the review board can support the interests of all of us living along 118th Ave and deny this increase in parking spaces. Negative impacts on a group of residents can eventually affect the broader community.

With Regards,



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